

Pastor Ann Hight, East Hills Alliance Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Keolker, and Fletcher.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2005, Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:** Cam Hanna, 1094 Schaffran Rd., Castle Rock, asked for an update of the Strand Hotel. Mayor Gregory stated this issue could not be discussed because it is currently in litigation. Cam stated he has lost income and has tried to be patient for over 2 ½ years. He stated The Daily News wants to do an article and he has not wanted to go public with this but feels he has no choice.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Quarterly Report – Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue:** Alan Headley gave the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Annual Report for 2005. The majority of the calls are still emergency medical incidents. Alan reported Chief Dave LaFave is at the NASA facility in Mississippi running a large distribution center for supplies in the disaster area. Further discussion followed.

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,316,342.37

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts for \$1,316,342.37,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 05-901 - Acceptance of 1115 South Pacific:** The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Resolution No. 05-901, subject to written approval from Department of Ecology, and declaring it surplus, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO ACCEPTING AS A GIFT FROM CAPITAL CITY COMPANIES, INC. THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1115 S. PACIFIC AVENUE.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Approval of Contract Closeout with Corp, Inc., for the Construction of City Hall:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve contract closeout with Corp, Inc, for the Construction of City Hall.' **Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Dr.,** spoke from the audience inquiring about the cost to acquire the Seafirst Bank building, tear it down, and reconstruct the new building. Public Works Director David Sypher reported the total contract amount with all change orders is \$4,391,206.99, including sales tax. The contractor has completed the punch list; however, some warranty work still needs to be completed. The approximate cost to

acquire the bank building was \$670,000 making a total cost of the new City Hall approximately five million dollars. No additional taxes were assessed to citizens. Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 05-900 – Declaring Certain Items as Surplus (4 Pallets of Concrete Blocks):** The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Keolker and seconded by Councilmember Chester, ‘Adopt Resolution No. 05-900, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

**Award Contract for Airport Improvement Project to HDR Engineering, Inc., in the Amount of \$99,925.00:** Public Works Director David Sypher explained the first phase of the contract is to move the AWOS (weather station) to put in more hangers. The AWOS will be moved to some newly purchased land. More individual and commercial hangers, taxi ways and approaches to the hangers will be put in. Automatic gates and fences will be added to provide more security. After phase one, we will need to determine whether to put the runway extension to the south or the north. Further discussion followed. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, ‘Award contract for airport improvement project to HDR Engineering, Inc.,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

**Stan Rister Stadium:** City Manager Doug Robinson explained the final stage of the project was spraying the grass on the field; however, it is late in the season and there probably isn’t enough time for it to germinate. A solution would be turf grass which will cost around \$30,000 more than we have. Doug Robinson feels the field needs to be ready in April when the games begin and for the dedication that will take place. It is his recommendation to take \$30,000 from the Stadium Fund for the completion of the field. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, ‘Take \$30,000 from the Stadium Fund and put the turf on the Stan Rister Field.’ Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

### **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** I am planning to have a Lodging Tax Committee meeting Friday, October 21. I will let you know the time.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** No Report

**Kent Anderson:** No Report

**Geraldine Veenstra:** No Report

**David Sypher:** No Report

**Doug Taylor:** Chief Nelson wanted me to remind the citizens of Kelso that increased vigilance would be a good thing with Halloween coming up. Parents should supervise young children to make sure costumes don't block their vision. Drivers need to be reminded to be extra careful. We don't want to lose any of our children this year.

**Veryl Anderson:** The Kelso Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 2. We have already had two meetings. Donations are coming in.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**David Futchter:** 1) Want to thank Betty Erickson for sending my last Council packet electronically which saved some postage. 2) My wife and I attended a production of the Longview Stageworks. It was an excellent show. I encourage citizens and Councilmembers to attend and support the arts in this community.

**Joe Wheeler:** No Report

**Jack Keolker:** No Report

**Alan Slater:** No Report

**Mark Chester:** No Report

**Todd McDaniel:** No Report

**Don Gregory:** 1) Under the bridge on Friday night, October 14, the Ethnic Support Council held an anti-hate rally in response to the recent hate crime in Kelso. It was well attended. 2) I received a letter from unknown citizens concerning a rumor that the liquor store in Kelso is closing and moving to the Triangle Mall. Other anonymous calls were made to various people at City Hall. While it is a shame to lose the liquor store in Kelso, it is a good government decision to combine services. Kelso won't lose any money because liquor taxes are distributed based on population, gross sales and profits.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**

